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New Dates Announced for the Launch of Maine eCourts Corrected Version

November 10, 2020, Portland, Maine. The Maine Judicial Branch announced today new dates for the launch of Maine eCourts and eFiling for Bangor courts and the statewide Business and Consumer docket (BCD). The Judicial Branch postponed the original roll-out date last month following a security incident reported by Tyler Technologies, the technology company that provides the Odyssey eCourts platform used by the Judicial Branch. Tyler has announced that the security issues have been resolved with no impact to customers and the roll-out is back on track.

New dates

- November 16, 2020—
 - The Bangor District Court, Penobscot County Superior Court, and the statewide Business and Consumer Docket will begin using the Odyssey case management system (CMS) to process and manage all cases except for criminal, civil violations, juvenile, protection from abuse, and protection from harassment cases.
 - Access to public electronic court records will be available through the Odyssey Portal. See the <u>Maine Rules of Electronic Court Systems</u> for more information.
- November 30, 2020
 - eFiling will available for all cases except for criminal, civil violations, juvenile, protection from abuse, and protection from harassment cases in Bangor courts and the BCD. eFiling will be mandatory for attorneys and self-represented parties filing more than six non-emergency cases in a calendar year. eFiling will be optional for most self-represented parties.
 - Guide & File, an interactive, web-based application that helps self-represented parties file court documents, will be available for Small Claims cases. Additional case types will be added to Guide & File in the future.

Training for eFiling

A revised schedule of free, online new filer training dates for attorneys and others is available on the Judicial Branch's eCourt's webpage, www.maine.courts.gov/ecourts. A link to register for training is also available on page, along with more information on Maine eCourts.

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